

Hampton Board of Selectmen
Approved Minutes of May 07, 2012

PRESENT: Richard Griffin, Chairman
 Richard Nichols, Vice Chairman
 Michael Pierce, Selectmen
 Ben Moore, Selectmen
 Philip Bean, Selectmen
 Frederick Welch, Town Manager

7:00 PM Public Meeting

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

I. Public Comment Period

William H. Sullivan, 24 Colonial Circle, Complimented Dyana Martin for the quick response to a request made by him this morning and received the information this afternoon. Mr. Sullivan would like to ask the Chair if he was aware that a member of his Board approached the employees of the Greenland Town Office while Chief Maloney's funeral was being planned and wanted to know who was going to cover expenses of the Town of Hampton. Chairman Griffin stated that the Board has decided that they will not comment during public comment this year. He did state that it has never been discussed as a Board. Mr. Sullivan stated that several of them have apologized to their friends in Greenland on behalf of Hampton. He hopes that Mr. Pierce has enjoyed his first and last term on this Board of Selectmen.

Katherine Keer, 7 Boston Ave, would like to comment on the public comment period. The timer is not professional. There are issues and topics covered in their meetings that the public does not have an opportunity to comment on. She provided the example of the discussion that the Board did not have on items that Mr. Pierce and Mr. Nichols wanted to discuss prior to voting on the Town Manager's contract. She also brought up the Fire Station bid process. Chairman Griffin reminded her that she has to comment on agenda items. Ms. Keer went on to talk further about the competitive bid process. Ms. Keer went on to share how in 2007 she was denied an appointment several times by Mr. Moore for lack of new information. She stated no citizen of this Town should be left unheard because they are the board of the people. There should be no restrictions on public comment. She thanked Mr. Nichols for the time he was chair and allowing the public to comment. She hopes the new board is not going to revert back to an Acadian form of governing making decisions on who you know and the good old boy.

II. Announcements and Community Calendar

Mr. Pierce reiterated the need for new members for the Recycling Committee and how they are looking for people who think outside of the box. Anyone interested should submit a letter to Kristina.

Mr. Moore reminded everyone that this Thursday May the 10th from 5 to 6 pm there will be a literacy event held at Winnacunnet High School sponsored in part by the Hampton Rotary Club. There are also two programs from the Historical Society one on Saturday May 19th there will be a walking tour of Hampton center reservations are required. On Tuesday May 23rd, there will be a grand opening at the museum of the Charles Henry Turner Room. Chairman Griffin pointed out that Mr. Turner was from Hampton.

Mr. Bean commented that around Town he is always impressed with the vigor of the small business owner. He complimented the stellar Public Works Department on how wonderful Bicentennial Park looks and how it is ready for summer.

III. Appointments

1. Ellen Lavin, Town Treasurer
 - a. Tax Anticipation Note

Mrs. Ellen Lavin, Town Treasurer explained that she is here to request the Board of Selectmen (BOS) to authorize the Tax Anticipation Note to borrow as needed, up to 5.8 million dollars at 2.5 percent from the Provident Bank. She borrows as needed and did not have the need to borrow last year as the Town has around 3 million in the bank, but in June the Schools are required to be paid as that is their year end, and if the Treasurer does need to borrow to pay the schools, this authorizes her to do so. The documents that need to be authorized are: one "Tax Anticipation Note"; two "Tax Anticipation Note Line of Credit rider" which says that the Treasurer will borrow as needed, and that there is no minimum that she needs to take; and one "Certificate" which authorizes her to borrow for the Town of Hampton.

Questions of the Board

Mr. Moore asked if there would be a loan "no commitment fee" and the answer was No.

Mr. Nichols asked if the amount is the same as this year, and no, last year we could borrow up to 6.7 million last year, as we have to prove the need for the amount of money through the cash flow sheet, but we did not have the need to borrow last year. This year the Town is only allowed to borrow up to 5.8 million.

The note is open all year which allows her to borrow as needed and the note would be required to be paid by 12-31-12.

Mr. Moore MOTIONED to AUTHORIZE the Board of Selectmen to sign the Tax Anticipation Note; the two Tax Anticipation Note Line of Credit rider, and the Certificate. Mr. Nichols SECONDED.

VOTE: 5-0-0

2. Dyana Martin Director of Parks and Recreations and Christos Valhouli
 - a. Skateboard Park RFP award – Single Source Provider

Mrs. Martin introduced Mr. Valhouli to the Board and explained that they are here tonight to seek the Boards approval for a bid. She stated that they sent out bid request to 5 or 6 vendors

and placed it on the website. They had a mandatory pre-bid meeting at the Park so that the vendors could see the park prior to submitting a bid. They had 3 companies show up for the pre-bid meeting and received a few phone calls from other vendors stating that it was a little too far to travel for a pre-bid meeting. There issue is the limited number of companies who can perform the needed work. When the bids were received there was only one bid and it came from WhoSkates the same vendor who did the bowl for them last year. The bid came in for the amount of money and timeframe they were looking for. Therefore, they are here to ask The Board for approval of this one bid.

Mr. Valhouli would like to address the issue of the number of companies available to do this work. He shared how in past years a general contractor would build a skateboard park however these parks are not built correctly and are being closed down. He shared how there are really only 6 companies in the US that build municipal skate parks. He went into the types of construction that can stand up to the weather. The request for bid did go out to all the companies who do this type of work. WhoSkates came in under bid. He stated the location of some of the other companies and how it was not worth it for these companies to travel to Hampton. He listed out some of the reasons other vendors were not able to attend the mandatory pre-bid meeting. He brought up the Friends of Hampton Skate Park have a lot of faith in this company WhoSkates of Kennebunk, ME. They did a great job with the park last year and were the only company that submitted a bid and they are able to get it done by June 15th.

Discussion

Mr. Nichols stated the warrant article was for \$35,000 and they have a bid document and the bid came in at \$35,000. There was also a discussion about how some companies use cement and others do not. Cement is the preferred way for the project in Hampton.

Mr. Bean confirmed that they would say they did due diligence and have done so with the best interest of the taxpayer in mind.

Mr. Pierce brought up the coincidence of the warrant article and the bid coming in at \$35,000. He wonders why they felt a need to have a mandatory pre-bid meeting and Mrs. Martin stated that it was important that the contractors see their park before placing a bid.

Mr. Moore wonders who supplied the design and Mrs. Martin explained it was done in part by the Friends of the Hampton Skate Park. Mr. Moore would like to clarify that in the RFP there was no design that went out saying this is what we want. Mrs. Martin stated it went out with a list of the items they wanted and it was for the contractor to figure out how these things would work best in Hampton. Mr. Valhouli explained that the big part of this industries job is to provide the designs using computerized programs available to them. Mr. Moore stated that the landscaping was part of the warrant article but is not part of the bid. Mr. Valhouli explained that the bid did not include this but it is basically three picnic tables with no vegetation.

Mr. Nichols would just comment that if this was a \$300,000 project, he would have some concerns but since it is a \$35,000 project, it does not raise too many concerns. He would recommend that in the future we may want to look closer at the need to have a mandatory pre-bid meeting.

Chairman Griffin commented on the heat the Board has recently received in regards to the bid process.

Mr. Bean MOTIONED to APPROVE as single source provider “WhoSkates” for the Skateboard Park RFP. Chairman Griffin SECONDED.

VOTE: 5-0-0

3. Ed Tinker

a. Overview of the Nextera’s Tax Abatement – Seabrook Power Plant

Mr. Tinker stated it is part of the abatement request received this year. This is not a typical request since the basis of the filing has to do with an approval in 2011 granted by NH DES. What they did was grant the plants request to increase the percentage of value attributed to their pollution control exemption. The percentage in place prior to the ruling was approximately 14% and had been in place since 1992 and has increased to 26% in 2011. He read the DES decision and included why it is still unknown the impact to Hampton. He explained how at this point assuming a worst case scenario is a bit pre-mature and how the Town of Seabrook has filed an appeal for reversal or remand and he read it in detail for the Board. Mr. Tinker stressed that the estimated impact is based on the opinion of the value of the property by the owner and not the Town of Hampton which is the responsible property of determining fair market value. That being said the impact using the owner’s opinion of value which is approximately \$7M compared to their 2011 assessment by the Town of approximately \$39M would result in a difference of approximately \$32M in assessment valuation this estimated impact would then equate to an abatement refund of approximately \$500,000 again based on the owner’s opinion of value. Finally if the owner’s values are used this could result in a tax increase of approximately \$66 dollars on the average single family home and an estimated increase of 17 cents on the tax rate. Mr. Tinker reiterated that these figures are based on the owner’s opinion of value and not the Town of Hampton’s.

Discussion

Mr. Moore thanked him for the update.

Mr. Bean thanked him for the wonderful brief and the transparency. He commented on the number of meetings they have had with Mr. Tinker and he has a tremendous amount of confidence in Mr. Tinker and Atty. Gearreald.

4. Citizen Jones

a. Public Discourse on Public Comment

Timothy Paul Jones came before the Board tonight and sent an email to the Board with his opening statement, which he read at this time. The subject was the public’s right to comment or not; as allowed by the Board of Selectmen within their judgment (Note: the email was not available to the minute taker). He provided a definition on public discourse for the Board.

He would like to open this topic to a more general interactive conversation with the Board in hopes of discovering new possibilities to address this adverse situation made manifest by the law of unintended consequences. So with the permission of the chair he would like to have an interactive conversation at this time.

Chairman Griffin commented that they would listen to his presentation and then the Board would have the opportunity to ask any questions. If he would like to finish with his presentation at this time, he may do so.

Mr. Jones reiterated that he would like to have an interactive conversation to which Chairman Griffin stated that is not going to happen here tonight. However, he can finish and the Board will then ask questions.

Discussion

Mr. Nichols has three comments. One is that the biggest problem this country has on all levels; federal, state and local; is a lack of in-depth understanding on the part of the general public and the lack of participation on the part of the general public, especially in voting. Second, he thinks that Chairman Griffin's enforcement of the time limit has been a positive thing. The third comment is that as of the implementing this policy for the past 4, 5, or 6 weeks, he thinks he would be more in favor of allowing people to comment on items beyond those on the agenda.

Mr. Pierce knows that this topic has come up before and he explained that how when he was on the Budget Committee they made a change to allow public comment and it was a good thing. He is definitely open to reconsidering the Board's decision on public comment topics. He thinks the 3-minute limit has worked really well, but restricting it to what is on the agenda is not always practical. He thinks Mr. Jones had some offerings that are good.

Mr. Moore finds it obnoxious that the word fascism was used in an article, (Mr. Jones was repeating a quote), and the use of the word by the historian was a bit over the top. He also thinks the quote of "taking of something that has always been given" is not true since they discussed how they were reverting back to the way public comment had always been until about a year or two ago. Mr. Moore also questions how Mr. Jones thinks that they are affecting the Town Government form of government when they actually are not, since that is not true, as Town Meeting is the Legislative Body that met in February. He is in favor of the policy and thinks it allows the Selectmen to plan through their agenda. He commented on how appointments are never really denied as far as he is aware. He thinks it is important for the citizens to understand that they do have work to do, it sometimes takes them along time to get through that work, and they cannot just have random thoughts being shared with them. If someone wants to share a random thought that is what the appointment process is for.

Chairman Griffin reiterated that in the future all requests for agenda appointments are to be given in writing to Kristina in the Town Manager's office with a synopsis of which you will like to speak about.

Mr. Jones stated that he does not really disagree with anything that the Selectmen have offered. He personally stated that he thinks the new public comment policy is rationale and he is not in opposition to it but nonetheless there are consequences and one of those is how the citizens are viewing it, which he shared with the Board. It is in that light that he has begun to look at public comment. He has a recommendation after talking with several of the selectmen over the past year or so. His recommendation as to how they might proceed to improve the situation as well as simultaneously maintaining their higher level of productivity. He has two recommendations that are the framework of what should be worked into a more formal policy and they are to establish a weekly forum for citizens input outside

of the Selectmen's meeting to be monitored by two Selectmen and played live on channel 22, and the other is that the Selectmen should make some rules in regards to restricting immediate implementation on motions and decisions that the Board makes.

Mr. Bean applauds his interest in local government and he does think there are informal channels of communication that any taxpayer/citizen in this Town can accommodate themselves with that includes direct access to Department Heads, the Town administrators at the Town Hall and direct communication with the Selectmen such as the 10 minute conversation he had today at Mr. Bean's office. He commented that democracy is not a spectator sport but he thinks that the business of Hampton is serious business and there are dire consequences to their actions and it is important that they stick to business the way they do. He thinks the Chairman has been patient and going forward based on Board comments they might massage the public comment, but does think that the folks in Town are well lead, and there are open channels of communication, and the Board always fosters a climate where the Town can seek self-improvement.

Mr. Pierce thinks that Mr. Jones brings up some good ideas that they can roll around. He believes that underlining point is about the disconnect of the average citizen with the business of the Board, who really does not know what is going on and there is something to be said about a little more communication, and how it could not possibly hurt.

Mr. Moore provided his phone number and email and people are welcome to contact him if they have concerns about any issue. He does not think that the open mic forum is a good one principally is a matter of and the opportunity of broadcast time. The multiple reading on motions would take a lot of time when 90% or more of the motions they make; are housekeeping items and make the Board less productive. He thanked Mr. Jones for his comments but he does not think he could be terribly excited about either of his ideas.

Chairman Griffin stated that they have based their decision for public comment; the policy for how it is was how it had been done in the past, which is to limit the discussion to what is on the agenda, and the only new thing with public comment is the 3-minute time limit. They will discuss some possibilities under old business tonight in regards to public comment. He thanked Mr. Jones for his comments and coming in tonight.

5. Mary-Louise Woolsey
 - a. Roads and Sewers

Ms. Woolsey just wants to clarify that she is here as herself and would like to share some history on roads and sewers. This comes based on comments made by Mr. Welch last year. She talked about revenue sharing funds coming about in the 1970's and how they worked. The infrastructure needs are the most critical needs in a community. She shared how in the mid 1980's the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee decided to come together and do serious work and the ultimate conclusion was that if they took a \$7.8M bond at that time, and then take \$2M every 5 years, the infrastructure would be taken care of in Hampton. In 1986 the major project was Mill Road and Little River Road. There was no follow up to the initial \$7.8M bond in 1981 and the Boards did not follow up in 1986 and sponsor the additional \$2M bond. She discussed a private petitioned warrant article for the Woodland Road area bond. She talked about the lesson of running utility lines at the same time as sewer lines, which is an asset for the community. In 1996, the State had about \$16M in the SRF fund and she recommended to the Board at the time to put in a request for this money

and it was not done. In 1986, the estimate to do the sewer construction and reconstruct was \$30M to \$40M and the longer we wait the more it is going to cost the Town. She talked about the infrastructure at the Beach in 2003. She mentioned rate increases from the water company and how this money is being used to repair/maintain the water lines; they are investing in their business. She stated that the Town needs to be run like a business, and invest in the Town. Advises that the Board do not talk about a flat tax rate, although it sounds good it is not practical when you are investing in improvements within the Town. The Town needs to coordinate work between sewer, utilities and road improvements. They really need to take a hard look at sewer.

In regards to roads, they have the BETA study, the neighborhoods that have been neglected and she thinks there has been a dramatic failure to use the 1988 Road Capital Reserve fund. She brought up the things that people in the Fairfield neighborhood have been through. She does not think that we can rely on the CIP and explained why. The need to review the sewer hookup fees as an increase in revenue. Moving the surplus from one year to another is not a good idea it should be returned to the public and be up front with the public. She does not think that they should be so concerned with borrowing and she expressed why she feels this way.

Finally, she thinks they should let Mr. Welch and Mr. Noyes set up a program of orderly road and sewer maintenance and construction using engineers who know what they are doing and stick to the plan.

Discussion

Chairman Griffin thanked her for the good information and the refresher.

Mr. Bean commented on her superlative and continuing public service is very much appreciated.

Mr. Nichols asked about the 1986 study on sewer and he wants to make sure it is separate from the study he knows about in regards to drainage. Mr. Woolsey stated that they were definitely separate studies. Mr. Nichols would be curious to see this plan and Mr. Welch will look for this in the morning.

Mr. Pierce is not sure he agrees with her interpretation of moving the undesignated fund balance at year-end. He does not know why we would want to give back to the taxpayer and then take it away again the next year. He likes the way it is being done.

Ms. Woolsey stated that each tax year is supposed to be self-contained, everyone lives in the community for different amounts of time, and each year you are only supposed to be responsible for that year, of course, she is not referring to bonds that are floating around. Each tax year should be self contained. She mentioned the \$600,000 surplus in DPW and asked the question of why that was not spent.

Mr. Pierce commented on the \$600,000 surplus in DPW and how it has a lot to do with the many changes that have been made within that department, and some of the project that were slated were not done.

Mr. Moore thinks that there are a couple of things they should follow up on. One is the sewer connect fee and it is set at Town meeting so they may want to consider something going forward for next years warrant. He was not aware that the Town could grab impact

fees. He thanked Ms. Woolsey for her report. He thinks that there will be continued philosophical discussion on the undesignated fund. Ms. Woolsey talked about the impact fees year after year, and funds to be directed to sewers and roads, not necessarily all the fees to the Schools.

IV. Minutes of April 23, 2012

Page 11, thirteenth line change “appealing” to “appeal”

Mr. Nichols MOTIONED to APPROVE the Minutes of April 23, 2012 as amended. Mr. Pierce SECONDED.

VOTE: 5-0-0

New Business – Item #3 moved.

3. Approval of the relocation of the parking spaces to K Street from J Street

Discussion

Mr. Nichols thinks they beat this to death a couple of weeks ago

Mr. Moore MOTIONED to APPROVE the relocation of the parking spaces to K Street from J Street. Mr. Pierce SECONDED.

VOTE: 5-0-0

V. Town Manager’s Report

1. The Food Drive by the United States Post Office will be held on Saturday, May 12th. Please participate. In 2011 of 6000 pounds of food was collected in Hampton.
2. The bid for the purchasing of wheeled refuse and recycling carts for 2012 was awarded to Cascade Cart Solutions. And the years for 2013 and 2014 will be re-bid.

Discussion

Mr. Pierce confirmed that these are the same carts that we have been purchasing and Mr. Welch listed the prices out for the Board.

3. The engineering and design contract for the Winnacunnet and Lafayette Road intersection was awarded to Hoyle, Tanner & Associates, Inc. They discussed the federal and state agencies that this has to go through and there is no time frame available at this time.
4. The Pease Authority has been approved by the Wetlands Bureau for the rehabilitation of the Hampton Harbor State Marina. He explained this project in detail for the Board.

Other Items added to Town Manager’s Report

The DOT would like the Board to provide them with several dates that they are available to meet and they will be happy to come down to discuss Ocean Blvd.

He received a call today from a property owner in the Plymouth and Sun Valley area in regards to the Pease Authority rehabilitation of the Hampton Harbor State Marina. He discussed the dredging of the channel by the Federal Government and how the residents in this area expressed wanting the dredged materials to be put in the low tide area. This will not be done according to Pease Authority. He explained the problems in this area in greater

detail for the Board including what the project in place entails. The resident wants the Boards to support her efforts and the other residents in the petition the Federal Government for this request. Although this may be the right thing to do, he fears it may be too late to petition the government.

Discussion

Chairman Griffin shared the history on dredging in this area in the past and where the sand was put on the beach and where it was spread out. Mr. Welch shared the possible improvements that could be done to the jetty and how the sand moves during the season. Mr. Welch also talked about erosion in this area. The dredging plan is not to leave any of the dredged materials in the Sun Valley area, and the replenishing will be done in Salisbury, MA and Seabrook.

Mr. Pierce wonders why there is no public hearing and Mr. Welch explained the process that the Federal Government and the State went through. Once the dredging is done the State will have nothing to do with it.

Chairman Griffin questioned what needs to be done now. Mr. Welch thinks that he needs to get more information from the Port Authority and Army Corps to find out exactly what they are going to do. He needs to gather more information on what will be done.

Mr. Moore asked if they could get a copy of the UNH study.

Mr. Nichols brought up the last time dredging was done 3 years ago and how it was not done to solve a problem. This time however it appears that it is being done to solve a problem.

Mr. Bean wonders about the efforts with congressional delegation and Mr. Welch had suggested that this resident call the two Senators and the Representatives.

Mr. Moore wonders about painting of the crosswalks on Ocean Blvd. He also brought up repairs to the recycling and trash carts and this can be done by bringing your cart to DPW. Mr. Moore questioned the availability and possible times the Board could meet with DOT and the possibility of having that meeting taped by channel 22. He wonders if the Board might want to have this meeting at one of their 2 pm meetings on Tuesday or devote an evening meeting to this. Chairman Griffin asked Mr. Welch to see if they can meet at one of the Tuesday meetings and the Board agreed.

Additional items.

The House of Representatives have passed and rewritten the tree warden bill and it has been signed and approved by the Governor effective May 2nd. Mr. Welch would suggest that the Board appoint Mr. Noyes to the position of Tree Warden.

Mr. Pierce MOTIONED to appoint Mr. Noyes as Tree Warden. Chairman Griffin SECONDED.

VOTE: 5-0-0

Mr. Welch stated that they have a contract with the Associates for the architect for the fire station and it came in at 5% lower than the estimated cost.

Mr. Nichols asked about the actual cost of the architect contract and Mr. Welch only received the 5% number, and the quote was 370,000. He also asked if there is a minimum number for the cart order and there is no specification on a minimum amount for an order. In theory we

can order as little as 100. As it is the same vendor, they kept the dyes, the cost is about the same as the original purchase.

Mr. Pierce asked about the pins for employees or if a monetary award was preferred. Mr. Welch has not gotten any feedback.

VI. Old Business

1. Hampton Court House

Mr. Welch stated the real problem here is the cost. He shared the space available and the poor condition of the building. A company has looked at it, and the estimated cost of \$200 per square foot was given to refurbish and the cost does not include an elevator, which is another \$100,000. He thinks the Town should be given the opportunity to decide if they wish to demolish or refurbish the building.

Discussion

Mr. Moore commented that if no departments have stepped up to use the space he will look at this to mean that there are no space issues for any department. He will use this when he looks at CIP. Mr. Welch believes that is not true and thinks it is the price tag of one million dollars to fix. Mr. Moore thinks there are space needs but the Town does not necessarily want to adopt this building as their own and go through the struggles he is sure they will go through with the voters to get money for a structure that is historic in the Town. Whether it is a million dollars or a different amount, he thinks the voters should be given the choice. We do have space needs and this space could be used for either Recreation or the Library. He thinks we should firm up the demolition number and the refurbish amounts.

Mr. Bean thinks that Mr. Moore and Mr. Welch comments are both good.

Mr. Nichols thinks that the cost that came in for the fire use is not necessarily the same as office space use. Mr. Nichols would be opposed to \$1M Selectmen sponsored warrant article without knowing some of the other needs of the Town. This decision should wait until they have the other information.

Mr. Pierce wonders if we need to go through the public and we do. Mr. Pierce went through the courthouse a few days ago and it will need to be completely gutted and redone. He thinks we should strictly ask the voters do you want to get rid of it or not.

Mr. Welch would suggest getting the numbers for both before making any decisions. He will begin working on this now.

2. 2012 Selectmen's Goals – Chairman Griffin asked Mr. Nichols to open this topic.

Mr. Nichols sent out a draft of what he thought he heard from the Board. He read the draft of the financial goals of the Board.

Mr. Moore would like to add a sentence to the CIP and it is to encourage public input and recording of work sessions by Channel 22 for rebroadcasting.

Chairman Griffin asked for clarification on what Mr. Moore would like taped by Channel 22 for the CIP and Mr. Moore would leave it up to the Planning Board's CIP subcommittee to decide how it is handled but he is just asking that the work session be taped and broadcast.

Mr. Welch pointed out that the Department Heads have been asked to bring the information to the Board of Selectmen before it goes to the CIP.

Mr. Nichols will send an email to the CIP Chairman.

Mr. Nichols read the draft of the goal in regards to the procurement process. He believes the way they can accomplish this goal is to discuss any changes they may wish to make to the purchasing policy and then following that policy.

Mr. Moore would reword it so that it stated the purchasing policy would be reviewed and discussed by the Board.

Mr. Bean would like to talk about the technology committee and asked Mr. Welch to discuss this. Mr. Welch asked the Board to postpone this until Mr. Schwotzer returns from his leave so that he can get feedback from him and have him write the policy. He discussed how Paul will need take the entire weekend to get the Town website up and running, and that the maintenance of it needs to be farmed out as the Town does not have the manpower to do that. Mr. Bean confirmed that the committee would not be formed until after additional needs are identified. He also reiterated that this committee should work in conjunction with the State IT committee.

Mr. Pierce thinks that the IT committee should be formed first so as to watch over what is being done and look for any cost savings. He thinks the committee should be the leading force not the IT department. He thinks it is important to look outside the box.

Mr. Moore thinks that Mr. Pierce's comments go against what Mr. Schwotzer is being asked to do. Mr. Welch stated that if that is the way they wish to go they would need to pick the committee, but cautions how the interaction occurs, as it could be costly. Mr. Pierce feels very strong that we need to have the committee first.

Mr. Bean's concept of the committee is that they would be the force multipliers for the current platform and bring their expertise that it would be revenue neutral without an added expense to the Town.

Mr. Nichols thinks that Paul Paquette should be part of the committee. He also thinks that this is a complicated enough discussion that it should be discussed further at a future meeting.

Mr. Moore stated that they have six goals listed four of which they are currently looking at. He mentioned the goal of improving the relationship between the Town and State and agrees that this is an important goal. He would like to question the cooperative student intern program. Intern programs take a great deal of time to develop and typically do not provide a benefit to the provider of the program and hopefully the intern does get value out of it. He would ask someone to talk to the guidance counselors at Winnacunnet; maybe the HR should have this conversation and see if Winnacunnet has considered starting an intern program. He realizes that the Town would have to be involved but he hates to set goals that he does not feel they can meet even if they are important.

Mr. Bean thinks that Mr. Moore makes great points and he has spoken with the superintendent of SAU 21 and it will be staffed exactly as Selectman Moore has suggested. Mr. Bean has also spoken with the Chairman of the School District and it is clearly their

baby. He spoke about the job market and how the municipal jobs in Hampton are great positions for these young people. He sees this more as a long-term goal.

Mr. Nichols thinks this is something worth pursuing but maybe it is not something that we should set as a goal for the Board.

Chairman Griffin thinks from what he has heard it is not something that will be the goal of the Selectmen but maybe something that Wanda should earnestly pursue through communications with the school.

Mr. Pierce shared a story he heard at a Selectmen training he attended and how a Selectmen in Lee was able to use UNH students to do an analysis of a dam within his town. He thinks there are all kinds of things that these students could look at and he shared some ideas of what they might do. He thinks Mr. Bean working with the school is fine. Mr. Bean thinks that taking the more professional approach and have Wanda work on this, is the better path.

Mr. Welch thinks it is a good idea but it should be worked out through the guidance department and Wanda can start this discussion. There was a consensus amongst the Board that this would not be a goal but Wanda should start discussing this with the guidance department.

Mr. Nichols reminded everyone that the 5th goal is completing the tentative agreement with the SEA, but this does not need further discussion.

Chairman Griffin asked that Selectmen goals remain on the agenda for the time being and that next week they also tackle the purchasing policy and the following week look closer at the IT committee.

3. Approval of the relocation of the parking spaces to K Street from J Street

Discussed above

Other Old Business

Chairman Griffin brought up the conversation they had earlier this evening in regards to public comment and what he gleaned from it is that people are happy with the 3 minute time period and he has no problem putting someone on the agenda as an appointment. The only part he sees as a question, and this is what I would like to discuss; whether it should be limited to public comment in generals or agenda items.

Discussion

Mr. Pierce likes the idea of people being able to come in and comment on any topic but he thinks a limit can be helpful. So he would be open to the public comment being anything anyone wants to talk about but limiting it to 3 minutes. In addition, that we should think about the public appointments also be limited in time.

Chairman Griffin reminded everyone that in the past it has been restricted to agenda items. It was at one point at the end of the meeting but that was counterproductive.

Mr. Bean does not like the term restrictive used but he is in favor of how it is being conducted right now by Chairman Griffin. He did remind everyone that there are open lines of communication to each of them along with department heads.

The Chairman reiterated the policy of requesting an appointment.

Mr. Nichols is in favor of it being broader and open to topics that are not agenda items. He is in favor of getting more input from the public. He does think that it is important to stick to the 3 minute time limit.

Chairman Griffin is open to broader topics for public comment.

Mr. Moore thinks it is so small of a decision and it is not an issue.

Chairman Griffin stated public comment will be open to any topic but will be restricted to 3 minutes.

Mr. Nichols would also like to bring up the conversations they have had on the building committee and he thinks it should be on a future agenda for them to discuss. He would like to suggest that Mr. Bean and Mr. Moore look at the minutes for 8/17/09 and 8/31/09 since it was discussed so that they can make their decision on this topic. This will be but on the agenda either next week or the following week. There needs to be a decision if this committee is used to oversee a building project or act as an advisory committee.

VII. New Business

1. Approval of Northeast Scale Company as single source provider for the Truck Scale

Mr. Welch stated that the Public Works Director sent up this request for Northeast Scale Company to be the single source provider for the Truck Scale at the Transfer Station, the scale is used to weigh all loads coming in and out. Mr. Welch questioned Mr. Noyes why this is the case since there are other companies in the area who sell scales. It was explained to him that the reason is because of the computer software behind this is proprietary and the cost is \$7,000 for the five years. This cost is less expensive then retro fitting the scale with other companies equipment.

Discussion

Mr. Nichols is fine with this after seeing the information provided by Mr. Noyes. He also brought up that this is part of the changes that need to be made in the purchasing policy. And the threshold be \$10,000, for competitive bids.

Mr. Pierce thinks that some changes need to be made to the bid policy.

Mr. Moore thinks that all companies do business this way and it is important as they examine the policy next week to look at these items. We need to have a way in the policy to set a procedure in place for when items come up like this, that we use in a rational way when the policy cannot be followed.

Mr. Moore MOTIONED to APPROVE Northeast Scale Company as single source provider for the Truck Scale. Chairman Griffin SECONDED.

VOTE: 5-0-0

Other New Business

Mr. Moore brought up a point made to him in regards to sealed minutes. He is not sure if there is a process in place to look at sealed minutes from like 3 years ago and see if they should remain sealed or not. He would like this to be an agenda item at a coming meeting to be discussed further. Mr. Nichols pointed out that they sealed minutes at a meeting on April 16th and he has not seen those minutes yet. Mr. Moore does not think that a vote was taken

to seal those minutes. There was an additional discussion on whether or not the minutes were sealed. The Board asked that they receive a copy of these minutes immediately. If the minutes are not sealed they need to be available within 72 hours and they need to be approved but that is not true if they are sealed minutes.

VIII. Consent Agenda

1. ~~Permit for Use of Town Property – Green @ Depot Square – Chez Boucher 05/28/12~~
2. Proclamation – National Public Works Week – May 20-26, 2012
3. Restaurant Cocktail Lounge Liquor License “73 Ocean Blvd” Ocean Dining, LLC, Albert Fleurey dba La Bec Rouge
4. Heritage Commission Appointment, Alternate – Arleen Andreozzi

Discussion

Mr. Nichols would like to pull item number 1 for discussion. He believes this is Memorial Day at noon, which is during the parade. He does not think it is a good idea for a private party to be taking place at that time. Mr. Welch stated that the application is for 100 to 200 people. Mr. Pierce thinks this was done last year during the parade. There was not a recollection amongst the Board on this. Mr. Bean is in favor of the use of the green on Memorial Day. Mr. Moore has no strong feelings but thinks it should be approved by the departments before the Board approves it. Mr. Nichols is not against this but has concern with the timeframe. This will be investigated further.

Mr. Nichols MOTIONED to Move the Consent Agenda with the exception of item #1. Mr. Pierce SECONDED.

VOTE: 5-0-0

IX. Closing Comments - None

X. Adjournment

Chairman Griffin MOTIONED to adjourn the public meeting. Mr. Pierce SECONDED.

VOTE: 5-0-0

Chairman